

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
LONDON

No. 055

Excellency:

The Embassy of the United States has the honor to refer to the Amendments to Chapter XI-1 to the International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea (the Convention), adopted by Resolution 257(84) of the Maritime Safety Committee on May 16, 2008. Specifically, Resolution 257(84) made parts I and II of the Code of the International Standards and Recommended Practices for a Safety Investigation into a Marine Casualty or Marine Incident mandatory under the Convention.

On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, the Embassy has the further honor to inform your Excellency, in your capacity as depositary for the Convention, that the Government of the United States of America objects to the above-described amendments to Chapter XI-1 of the Convention because certain provisions of the Code do not directly promote maritime safety and conflict with important aspects of U.S. domestic law and practice.

We have the honor to request that your Excellency therefore notify the Contracting Governments to the Convention that these amendments will not enter into force for the United States on January 1, 2010.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of our highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

Embassy of the United States of America

London, England. June 29, 2009

